

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to make a minor editorial change to the specification. JP 267529 B which is informally cited in the specification does not exist. Applicants included it in the specification in error.

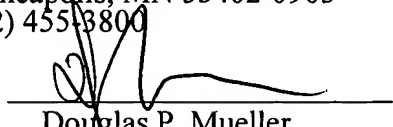
Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 455.3804.

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